IMPERIAL CLUB'S FIRST FUNCTION.

Opening Ball of the Organization's Social Season Was a Success.

OLD FAMILIES REPRESENTED.

Society Danced and Dined, and the Attendance Was Notable for Brilliant Toilets Several Young Brides Present.

The Imperial Club gave its first ball of the season last night. Handsome decorations, music, a supper, an unusually large attendance of members, and no opposition in the way of counter-attractions combined to make the event rather more of a suc-

to make the event rather more of a success than in previous seasons.

The Imperial is pre-eminently a married people's ball. Its membership consists of what may correctly be termed the "old families" of St. Louis, with a few additions, each year, of younger members of the same families. Last night young people were in the minority and the much entertained debutantes for once were represented by barely a handful.

The St. Louis Club, where last year's balls were also held, was in gala array, the ballroom trimmed in Southern smilax festoons, and large bunches of yellow carrysanthemums. The dining-rooms, where a hot supper was served all evening, were

santhemums. The dining-rooms, where a hot supper was served all evening, were done in roses and smilar. Mr. Francis D. Hirschberg, for many

years president of the Imperial Club, was master of ceremonies, and received with the patronesses, who inclined toward white in their gowns last night. They were Mrs. Catlin, wearing white moire and old point lace; Mrs. John David Davis, in white satin; Mrs. Jesse January, in pale mauve and white satin, with old lace; Mrs. Howard Filipti, in white horeside and Mrs. ard Elliott, in white brocade, and Mrs. Charles Nagel, whose gown was of white satin and duchesse lace. Miss Lionberger, also a patroness, was ill and did not at-

A feature of the evening was the pres-ence of several young brides of this season and the past summer. Their wedding gowns and the past summer. Their wedding gowns contributed in no small degree to the splendid showing of tollets and the brilliant array of jewels. Mrs. Thomas S. Maffitt, who was Miss Pierce, and who has just returned from her wedding journey: Mrs. Byron Babbitt, formerly Miss Nellie Bagnell; Mrs. Henry Boeckeler, Mrs. David R. Francis Jr. and Mrs. Dava Welker were Prancis, Jr., and Mrs. Dave Walker were among the belies of the ball. Dancing at the Imperials never begins until II, and it was well along in the early morning hours

before carriages were called and people wended their homeward way. The Imperial roster this year includes the following, most of whom were present last

inght:

Messicurs and Mesdan,es—
Francis D. Hirsch- J. Laurance Mauran, berg.
Daniel Catlin.
Duvid R. Francis, Sr., Estill Medicienty, Harty January, Howard Elliott, Judge and Mrs. El-shared January, Howard Elliott, Judge and Mrs. Wilbout P. Boyle, Doctor and Mrs. Campbell Smith, Joonan McKittrick, Linder J. Howard McKittrick, Linder J. Howard McKittrick, Lindell Gordon, Alfred Hebard, Jahn David Davis, Charles Seudder, Siance Church, Isaac Lomberger, Seudder, Siance Church, Isaac Lomberger, Seudder, Charles Seudder, Seudder, Charles Seudder, C

William H. Walker.

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Sailie Walsh.
Martha Hutchinson.
Martha Hutchinson.
Irwin Hayward.
Inabet January.
Ethel Richards.
Genevieve Knapp.
Mary Semple.
Bertha Semple.
Mary Semple.
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Mary Semple Scott.
Measteurs—
Theophile Papin, Jr.,
James A. Boyle.
Charles Seudder. Jr.,
Charles Seudder. Jr.,
Charles Markham,
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Charles Markham,
Charles Henshaw,
John Shepley,
Alien West.
George Tilany,
George P. Doan. Jr.,
Claude Kennerly,
Allen West.
Walter Mekturick,
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ng these are Mr. and Mrs. How Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Chouteau, Mr. and Mrs. Julius S. Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. Alas Simpkins and Mrs. Francis D. Hirschberg

PARAGRAPHS ABOUT PERSONS IN SOCIETY

Mrs. Henry V. Lucas, cordially remem bered in St. Louis, where she lived for many years, is spending a week with Mrs. J. B. Johnson, No. 624 Washington boule-vard. Mrs. Lucar's bome is now in Nor-folk, Va. She will remain in town until

Miss Katherine Dickinson of Louisvilla Ky., daughter of Mr. J. W. Dickinson, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. James L. Logan of Whittier street.

Mrs. Thomas C. Whitmarsh, No. 423 Page boulevard, is spending the holidays with her parents in Parsons, Kas.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Maffitt returned ast Friday from their Eastern wedding

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Rowland have re turned to Hotel Beers after a mo-in Louisville and Chicago.

The Committee of Exhibition of the St. Louis Museum of Fine Arts announces a private view to members of a collection of paintings in oil and watercolor by Mr. Charies Walter Stetson of Boston, to beheld in the galleries of the museum this evening from 8 to 19 o'clock.

Miss Hargaret Long and her brother, Breckinridge Long, will arrive this week to pend the holkings in St. Louis.

Mrs. Crawford Henry Duncan, No. 632 West Pine boulevard, will receive on Thurs-day afternoon, December 28, from 3 to 5 for Mss Lucy Duncan. Mrs. William Flem-ing Cronk and Mrs. Walter Edmond Gray-son will amist.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Schwab have returned from an Eastern trip.

RHODE ISLAND GOVERNOR DEAD Succumbs to Bright's Disease Af-

ter a Long Illness. stord, R. L. Dec. 16.-William Gregbay, Governor of Rhode Island and Provi-bance plantations, died at his home here

termon of scute Bright's disease, foler the new constitution Lieutenant remor Charles D. Kimball of Providence the acting Governor for the re-of the term.

GUESTS AT THE INITIAL BALL OF THE IMPERIAL CLUB.





MRS. E. H. SIMMONS.



ADMIRED YOUNG MATRONS AT THE IMPERIAL BALL LAST NIGHT.

FISTIC ENCOUNTER IN JUSTICE'S COURT.

Attorneys Henry R. Hall and Thomas L. Anderson Are the Belligerents.

CONSTABLE AS PEACEMAKER.

Argument Follows a Motion for a Continuance-Neither Combatant Is Badly Injured.

An altercation over the continuance of a case in Justice Spaulding's court yesterday morning precipitated a lively fistic enbetween Attorneys Henry R. Hall and Thomas L. Anderson, representing, respectively, the plaintiff and defendant in the action before the bar. Deputy John Boepple separated the combatants, who were industriously pummeling each other. The fight grew out of a remark made by Mr. Hall. Attorney Anderson struck Hall in the face and the latter retaliated. The a lively mix-up.

Clothing Company in a suit to recover \$21.55, which it is alleged John A. Johnson owes the tailoring company, and Mr. Anderson is Johnson's attorney

"About a month ago Mr. Hall wanted to "About a month ago Mr. Hall wanted to take some depositions and requested me to waive the issuance of a writ of dedimus, which costs \$10, and without which depositions cannot be taken, unless the writ is waived by the attorney for the other party to the action. I at first refused to consent to the waiver, but later agreed and so informed Mr. Hall. He appeared in court yesterday without the depositions and formed Mr. Hall. He appeared in court yesterday without the depositions and asked for a continuance. I reminded him that I had waived the issuance of a dedimus. He replied that he had only my word for that, which was tantamount to calling me a liar. I struck him twice in the face."

Mr. Hall could not be found at his office in the Lincoln Trust building yesterday afternoon when a Republic reporter called.

After the adjournment of court Justice Spaulding informed the beliggerent attorneys that he would continue the case until December 23.

KILLED BY SCHLEY INQUIRY. Movement to Erect Naval Arch

Has Been Abandoned.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. New York, Dec. 16.—The movement to erect at the Battery a naval arch and water gate at an expense of \$1,300,000, for which pledges amounting to \$500,000 have already been re-

ar an expense of \$1,390,000, for which pledges amounting to \$500,000 have already been received, is dead—killed by the finding of the Schley Court of Inquiry. That was the decision announced to-day by Park Benjamin, president of the Naval Arch Association, after consultation with Colonel Robert M. Thompson, treasurer and manager of the Finance Committee.

"Colonel Thompson and I." said Mr. Benjamin, "are agreed that work on the naval arch project must stop. We are of the opinion that the outcome of the Schley trial reveals so much dissension, even in the highest ranks of the navy, and is bound to reopen so many other matters for argument and dispute, that it will be altogether inexpedient at the present time to do anything further in the matter.

"Of course, this temporarily kills the movement. We should feel different if the decision of the Schley court had been definite, one way or the other, but as it is, leaving the whole subject wide open, with the possibility of new and even more blitter discussion and the congressional investigation in the background, it is useless to continue."

TAX COLLECTIONS INCREASED. Sheriff Dickmann Writes Mayor

Wells of Difficulties Met. Sheelff Dickmann in a letter to Mayor

Wells says that 2,984 special tax executions were given him for service and that or them he has collected, without levy, M. them he has conscired without 1877, ea-182.6. This represents about 50 per cent of the persons against whom the executions were issued. The Sheriff declares it was impossible to obtain service upon many of those cited, as the wrong addresses were

those cited, as the given.

He also states that the custom has been for interested litigants to deposit the costs of making levies on executions, but now the city collector will not do this. If such deposits are made the Sheriff promises to

deposits are made the Sheriff promises to push the cases.

He asserts that it has not been the custom of his predecessors to make extensive levies in special tax collections, but that notwithstanding, Sheriff Pohiman collected only \$2.54.50 in two years, and in eight months he has collected more than \$8,000.

FIRE IN ZIEGENHEIN BUILDING.

Former Mayor's Structure and Contents Slightly Damaged.

Fire in the three-story building No. 400 South Second street at midnight last night caused a damage of \$500 to the building and about \$2,000 to the contents. Two alarms were turned in to the Fire Department, but the flames were extinguished with little

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Quincy, Ill., Dec. M.—Mra. Charles Ertel, nee Otilia Morrell, of St. Louis, was declared same by a jury in the County Court this afternoon after an inquisition, brought on the petition of the husband.

She testified she was the daughter of Herman Morrell, a retired St. Louis tohacconist; that her husband had a violent temper and that he had mistreated her. The jury decided she was not insane without leaving the room for consultation. the names were extinguished with fittle trouble.

The building is owned by former Mayor Henry Ziegenhein. The first floor is occupied by the Consolidated Coffee Finish Company, the second by the Bredsvold Gas Fixture Company, and the third floor by the Belle-Hickey Chandelier and Fixture Company. The fire originated on the second floor in the rear and burned up and down to the other floors. The damage to stock was caused principally by water.

SECRETARY LONG WITHHOLDS APPROVAL OF SCHLEY REPORT.

Action Taken at the Request of the Admiral, Who, in Compliance With Request of Friends, Decides to File Exceptions - Senator Jones Introduces Joint Resolution of Thanks.

OBJECTION IS MADE TO FINDINGS OF MAJORITY OF COURT. Spanish fleet, and knows and realizes that encompass an offi-

ADMIRAL SAMPSON

he signed the majority report solely as a matter of form.

Secretary Long takes the opposite view—that Admiral Dewey agrees with the majority in condemning Rear Admiral Schley.

except upon the points which he specifically notes. Admiral Dewey declines to give any

Rear Admiral Sampson is expected to file a statement showing that under the rulings of Admiral Dewey testimony regarding the part he played in the battle of Santiago was excluded, and he will assert that it was

unfair to him for the Admiral to express an opinion relative to the officer who was in

command of the squadron until he had heard evidence on both sides. An attempt will be made, in this statement, to show that Rear Admiral Sampson was within signal distance

during the battle and was, therefore, in

American people are hereby tendered to Rear Admiral Winfield S. Schley and the

highly distinguished conduct in conflict with

the enemy, as displayed by them in the destruction of the Spanish fleet off the Harbor of Santiago, Cuba, July 3, 1898.

"That the President of the United States be requested to cause this resolution to be communicated to Rear Admiral Schley, and

through him to the officers and men under his command."
Without comment, the resolution was re-

ferred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.
Representative Bartholdt of St. Louis says
the findings of the Schley Court of Inquiry have only increased his determination

member of that committee. He said to-day that, while he felt friendly toward Admiral

fficers and men under his command

command. A request for a court of inqui by Rear Admiral Sampson would, it thought, be denied by Secretary Long.

explanation of his action.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Washington, Dec. 16.-Rear Admiral Win-field Scott Schley has asked permission to file a statement of objections to the findings of the Court of Inquiry which investi gated his conduct during the war with

Rear Admiral William T. Sampson is ex pected to file a protest against the individual opinion rendered by Admiral George Dewey, president of the court, that Rear Admiral Schley was in absolute command of the American squadron during the battle with Cervera's fleet, and is entitled to the credit for the victory. Secretary Long desires the controversy

ended, Rear Admiral Schley wants it closed. Rear Admiral Sumpson is in no condition to continue it. Yet it seems impossible to obtain any such result.

Despite the wish of Rear Admiral Schley

to end the controversy, a conference, held in his apartments this evening, with Gennext minute the lawyers were engaged in | eral Felix Agnus, his friend; Isidore Reyner and M. A. Teague, his counsel, and Repre-Attorney Hall represents the Misfit sentative Schirm of Maryland, caused him to draw up this letter, which was delivered to the Secretary of the Navy:

Sir: I have the honor to most respectfully re-quest that you withhold your approval from the In explanation of the fight Mr. Anderson | findings of the Court of Inquiry recently held at the Navy Yard in the city of Washington, or which Admiral George Dewey was president, until such time as I may have an opportunity to file a statement of objections thereto, and I therefore request that you do not dissolve the court until action shall have been taken on such objections. Very respectfully, W. S. SCHLEY.

Rear Admiral, U. S. N. Isador Rayner, Counsel for the applicant besald Court of Inquiry.

To the Honorable Secretary of the Navy, It is thought Rear Admiral Schley will probably decide, in view of the revision of Edgar A. Maclay's history, not to instiholds to be his defamer.

SECRETARY LONG GRANTS ADMIRAL SCHLEY'S REQUEST.

Mr. Teague said this evening that the claim of Mr. Maclay that the findings had upheld the author and his book was spurious. There still remain passages in the work, according to Mr. Teague, which render Mr. Maclay liable.

In response to Rear Admiral Schley's request, Secretary Long informed him, through Mr. Teague, that he would be willing to receive any statement he might care to make, and would consider it in connection with his action upon the findings the court. The Secretary may decide to refer the statement to the court, with instructions to express its opinion thereon. If Rear Admiral Schley should desire another court of inquiry, Secretary Long is quoted as saying to-day that the request would be granted. The Rear Admiral does not want another investigation. There is authority for the statement that he behaviority for the statement that he behaviority for the statement that he behaviority out. He does not, however, believe that the statement of facts brought out by the court is correct.

quiry have only increased his determination to ask Congress to come to the relief of the Admiral. He will introduce, he says, a bill appropriating \$30,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary to reimburse Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley for any expense he may have incurred in presenting his reply to the precept of the Navy Department, upon which the Court of Inquiry acted. Such a bill will have to go to the Committee on Claims for original consideration. Representative Graff of Illinois is a out by the court is correct. refer the statement to the court, with inout by the court is correct. Mr. Teague said that in his statement that, while he felt friendly toward Admiral Rear Admiral Schley will recite facts he believes justified by the record. He will before committing himself for or against it.

BRINGS SUIT AGAINST

Damages of Members of Kirk-

wood's Board of Aldermen.

Theodore Webber, a saloonkeeper in Kirk-!

rood, filed suit in the Clayton Circuit Court

yesterday against the members of the Kirk-

licious investigation of his property. The

defendants named by him are Dennis Lase, Charles Hicker, G. J. Kendall, Theodore

Bopp, Thomas M. McCullagh and Morris W. Cronin. He asks for \$5,000 actual and

About six weeks ago a petition was pre-ented to the Board of Aldermen by a num-

WOMAN IS DÉCLARED SANE.

Mrs. Charles Ertel Examined by

Jury at Quincy.

\$5,600 punitive damages.

CRITICISMS WERE MORAL CENSORS. **NOT RESPONSIBLE**

Saloonkeeper Webber Asks \$10,000 Management of Choral-Symphony Society Declares Withdrawals Due to Another Cause.

Two withdrawals from the Choral-Symphony Society Orchestra in the last week have given rise to a report that members rood Board of Aldermen for alleged ma- of the organization had taken exceptions to the criticisms and had resigned. The leading spirits of the organization diny this, and say that the two withdraways

sented to the Board of Aldermen by a num-ber of negroes in Kirkwood, complaining about Webber's saloon, which is in Main street. The board appointed a committee to investigate the charges. The committee reported, in effect, that the place was not being conducted upon a strictly moral plane, and made certain recommendations for its regulations. For this reason Webber thinks that he has been damaged, and asks judy-ment of the court accordingly.

this, and say that the two withdrawais were due to other reasons.

Isaac Schoen and Frank Gecks, violinists, resigned from the society last week, it is stated that they objected to the orders of Orchestra Director Alfred Ernst, and Secied to leave because they thought they were not pleasing him. This was done very quietly, and few members of the society knew they had given up their places.

Alexander Hennemann, chairman of the Music Committee, said last night to The Republic: "Both Mr. Gecks and Mr. Schoen resigned because they simply felt that they were being directed rather brusquely. Both have since told me that they may decide to return to the organization. The members of the orchestra serve more for the pleasure than for the pay, which is never great, and many of them are so busy that they have difficulty in finding time for appearing with the society. One of them may become dissatisfied occasionally, just as members of other organizations do."

LOW TAKES OATH OF OFFICE.

Becomes Mayor of New York at Noon on New Year's Day. Dew York, Dec. 16.—Seth Low took the eath of office as Mayor of New York before the Supreme Court to-day. Mr. Low will assume office at noon on January I.

MILES WILLING TO TAKE DEWEY'S JUDGMENT. • Cincinnati, Dec. 16.-General Nelson

A. Miles, commander of the United . States Army, speaking of the finding . of the Schley Court of Inquiry, said: . am willing to take the judgment
 of Admiral Dewey in the matter. Ho
 has been a commander of a fleet, and
 as such her bear and as such has known the anxieties and . a responsibilities which rest on a man under these circumstances. He was
 instrumental in the destruction of one • cer under such conditions.

differ from the majority of the court with regard to the voyage from Key West to Cienfuegos and from Cienfuegos to Santiaga; the blockade at Cienfuegos, and the impropriety of the Brooklyn's loop, and to its findings that he disobeyed orders; that he was not justified in making the retrograde movement; that he treated Lieutenant Commander Hodgson unjustly and ne was not justified in making the retrograde movement; that he treated Lieutenant Commander Hodgson unjustly, and that he made misleading reports as to the coal account of the Flying Squadren.

SWALLOWED ACID AND BOTTLE TOP.

ADMIRAL SAMPSON
MAY FILE A STATEMENT.
This statement is intended to accompany the record and findings of the court, and will be for the benefit of the court and posterity rather than to influence the action of Secretary Long.

Rear Admiral Schley holds that the opinion rendered by Admiral Dewey is open to several interpretations, the one which he naturally accepts being that the Admiral therein expressed all that he had to say as to his views of the evidence taken and that he signed the majority report solely as a John Adler Ended His Life in Saloon After Bidding Farewell to Friends.

> After bidding a dramatic adieu to his friends in a saloon at Chouteau and Compton avenues, John Adler, 40 years old, formeriv employed in the Missouri Pacific committed suicide last night by swallowing in one gulp four ounces of car-bolic acid and the top of the bottle which had contained the poison.

> While standing at the bar facing his acmaintances, who were talking and playing ards, his excited appearance attracted the attention of everybody. Suddenly he drew a small bottle from his pocket and held it before him.
> "Here goes!" he exclaimed. "Good-by,

boys! At the opening of to-day's session of the Senate Mr. Jones of Arkansas introduced a joint resclution as follows: "That the thanks of Congress and the

With a quick, spasmodic motion, he placed the bottle to his lips and drained it. His teeth closed upon the neck of the receptacle and crushed the giass. But he gulped down the broken particles, and with desperate energy, flung what remained of the bottle to the floor.

The shock occasioned by swallowing so large a quantity of the deadily acid soon rendered him unconscious. He sank into the arms of his friends, who had rushed forward in the hope of preventing his deed. Finally one man thought to summon an ambulance. Adler was taken to the City Hospital. Efforts to save him were unavailing and he died at 10 o'clock.

Adler was unmarried and lived at No. 1219 South Compton avenue. For the last two years he suffered from acute neuralgia, and frequently said that he could not continue living in such pain. His nearest relative, Mrs. Mary Fennell, a sister, lives in Moberly, Mo.

ICE CAUSES MANY MISHAPS. Fractured Limbs Suffered by Some Who Fall.

John Louby, 15 years old, living with his widowed mother at No. 1709 Dolman street. while skatting on the lake in Lafayette Park, fell and broke his left arm. He was treated at the City Dispensary and taken to his here.

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Daniel McCarthy, 18 years old, while on his way to work yesterday morning, fell on the icy stdewalk at the corner of Bremen avenue and Broadway and sustained a deep cut over the left eye. He was taken to the North End Dispensary, where the wound was dressed and he went to his home, at No. 408 North Second street.

Mrs. Louisa Strater, 53 years old, a negress, living on the river front, between Bowen and Iron streets, fell on the ice in front of her home and sustained a fracture of the left arm at the elbow.

SOLD HIS SHOES TO BUY BREAD.

Theodore Cabbiac Walked Home Barefooted With Food for His Starving Family.

together in a small room. They were shiv-ering from the cold, as the last of their store of coal had been consumed Sunday.

TRANSIT COMPANY'S POWER INSUFFICIENT.

Until the New Plant Is Completed Mrs. Annie Liberger and Mrs. Lizthe Service Cannot Be Improved.

TWO MONTHS' DELAY POSSIBLE. CHARGED WITH PETIT LARCENY.

Heavy Storm Would Have Serious | Alexander Liberger Made a Code Effect on Traffic - Motormen Now Stop at All Crossings.

Not until the new power-house at Second and Salisbury street is completed will the service on the north and south lines of the St. Louis Transit Company be improved. It is not likely that the machinery will get started for two months, as there has been unlooked-for delay in placing the equip-The company is now running all of the

cars it possibly can, the managers say, with the power it has, and a faster service is not possible under present conditions. If a heavier snow should full, sweepers and plows would have to be operated to keep the tracks clear, and for every one of these that is put on one car less will be run for the convenience of the publ

During the busy hours of the day, when patrons are going to and coming from their work, the companny cannot handle the traffic, but it is making a better ac-tempt just at present than it will be able to do if the weather gets worse, which is not improbable. General Manager du Pont was asked by

The Republic yesterday if he could promise an improvement in the present service at any definite time. He said that no promises would be made that could not be kept, and that he would offer none until he had better assurances that he would be able to fulfill them.

Running All Cars Possible. "The Transit Company is running every car on these lines that the power it has can possibly handle," said Mr. du Pont. "and it is doing everything possible to hurry the completion of facilities for increasing its power, but when it will be possible to make the service what it ought possible to make the service what it ought to be is hard to tell.

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"The new power-house was promised us last July, and it is not completed yet. I said several weeks ago that I thought it would be ready for us by February 18, and since then I have seen nothing that would indicate that it will be training that would indicate that it will be profited to us as it is to the public, for it is our wish to carry all the people we can and as quickly as we can."

Mr. du Pont would not discuss the present schedule or the new one that is to be in effect when the power-house is completed matter at all and refused positively to make any statement to the public. From another official it was learned that the company has a large number of extra cars in the barns which will be put in operation when the additional power will be improved materially, but the relief is some time off.

Through the present cold spap the Transit Company has had very lift the would have kept the all may be improved materially, but the relief is some time off.

Through the present cold spap the Transit company has had very lift to two limits of the conceal little less severe than outside. Heavy hauling of coal through the streets since the change in the weather has caused delay to the running of cars. Teamsters had cheeked by the company of the cars and there have been been cleared. Several times yetsackly on the cleared. Several times yetsackly on the cleared. Several times yetsackly on the clear of the provisions is that the case of the posting of the provisions is that the case of the posting of the provisions is that the case of the posting of the provisions is that the case of the posting of the provisions is that the case of the posting of the provisions is that the case of the provisions is that the case of the posting of the provisions is that the case of the posting of the provisions is that the case of the posting of the provisions is that the case of the posting

HELD MOTORMAN RESPONSIBLE. Grand Jury Indicts Kattleman on

Charge of Manslaughter. Among the sixty indictments returned by

the Grand Jury yesterday morning to Judge Wood was one charging manslaughter in the fourth degree against W. C. Kattleman a motorman on the Broadway line, whose car ran down and killed Mrs. Bridget O'Connell near the intersection of Biddle street on

Mrs O'Connell attempted to cross the treet, when she was knocked down by the car, which ground out her life instantly Several witnesses at the Coroner's inquest testified that the car was running at a high rate of speed and the motorman did not take the proper precautions, such as sounding his gong and applying his brake in time. The report of the Grand Jury is only a partial one. It will not adjourn until after

the holidays George Kniely, who shot and killed his sweetheart, Bertha Richter, in her home at No. 1812 North Broadway on September & because she refused to marry him at once, was indicted for murder in the first degree. After shooting the girt through the head he turned the revolver on himself and fired twice, but his aim was poor and he recov-ered.

An indictment charging murder in the first degree was also returned against John Flan-agan, who shot Robert Wilson on Novemagan, who shot Robert Wilson on November 21.
Indictments were found against the seven

men who were arrested a week ago in the raid on a house at Twenty-first street and Chout au avenue charging them with hav-ing burgiars' tools in their possession and also with being habitual criminals. Other indictments were returned as fol-

Too proud to solicit alms for his starving wife and family, Theodore Cabblae sold his shoes for 10 cents yesterday, and after purchasing two loaves of bread with the proceeds, trudged through the snow to his home in his stocking fect.

Officer Kappan of the Fourth District met Cabblae, and brought him to his home in the rear of No. 122 North Seventh street.

Mrs. Cabblae and six small children, ranging in age from 4 to 13 years, were huddled together in a small room. They were shivering from the cold, as the last of their constant of the cold.

STOLE TRINKETS FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

zie Brown Say They Did Net Think It Wrong.

fendant-Deciares He Is Not Guilty of Shoplifting-Property Recovered.

Alexander Liberger, his wife, Mrs. Annie Liberger, and Mrs. Lizzie Brown of Madison, Ill., were arrested in Seibert, Good & Cu's store, at No. 510 Washington avenue, terday afternoon on a charge of shop lifting. The women admit taking some small rinkets for Christmas presents, but deny

having stolen the bulk of their goods, of

which they had a large basket. Liberger said he took nothing, and the authorities are inclined to believe his statement, though he is made a codefendant in a warrant charging the three of them with petit lar-The trio entered the store about 2 o'clock

and went from counter to counter. When they entered the store they had nothing, but they bought a large willow basket, and in this, it is charged, they placed a great many articles. A house detective became sur-picious and followed them. He called Peiceman John McCormick, who placed them under arrest and took them to the Central District Police Station. In the basket were found about forty dif-

In the basket were found about forty different articles ranging from baby rattles to ostrich plumes. There were combs, brushes, shoes, slippers, baby caps toy planes, dolls, rakes of sonp and various other things. A representative of Seibert, Good & Co. identified a part of the property and swore out the warrant. A representative of C. E. Hilts Shoe Company identified a pair of shoes which he said had been stolen that afternoon. He will apply for a warrant this morning. There is more property which has not been identified.

Liberger at first gave the name of Berger, but when pressed gave his right name. He said he gave a fictitious name because he did not want to lose his position in a rolling mill at Madison. Mrs. Liberger and Mrs. Brown admitted stealing a doll and a comb each.

Brown admitted stealing a doll and a combeach.

"I merely took a doll and a comb." said Mrs. Liberger, "to take to my children for Christmax. We are poor and I thought that as we were buying so many other things is would make no difference. Why, they are not worth 19 cents each, and I would willingly pay double the amount, but they only laughed at us. We did not steal all that stuff we had. We bought it, but for convenience we unwrapped it and put in the basket together, throwing the purchase sign away. If I had thought there would be any trouble I would have kept the slips."

Mrs. Brown made about the same statement. Liberger said he had never been arrested before, and it was a surprise to him when he found that his wife had the stolen property in her possession.

SUPREME COURT. Decisions Rendered in Several

Cases-Others Taken on Call. Springfield, Ill., Dec. 16.—Proceedings were had in the Supreme Court to-day as follows:

STOPPED THE CAR WITH ROCK. Christopher Beck Threw Missile Through Vestibule Window.

Christopher Beck of No. 239 Ass avenue

stood in the snow for haif an hour yester-day morning on the corner of California evenue and Shenandcah street while two Tower Grove cars passed him. When the third approached, and the motorman, C. McKenna, made no effort to stop it, he picked up a stone from the street and hurled it at McKenna. It crashed through the glass of the vestibule, but did not strike the man at the controller.

McKenna stopped his car to ascertain the damage and Beck stepped aboard and took a seat as if nothing had happened.

When the car reached California and Gravois avenues the motorman hailed a policeman and had Beck arrested. A charge of listurbing the peace was placed against him, and he will be arraigned in the Wyoming Street Police Court this morning. Beck probably will prefer a charge against the motorman of violating the city ordinance, which requires motorren to stop their cars at every corner where they are halled by passengers who wish to get aboard. picked up a stone from the street and

DEAL IS NOT YET COMPLETE. Trust Still Negotiating for Citi-

zens' Electric Light Company.

It was reported in financial circles yesterday that the Citizens' Electric Light and Power Company has been purchased by the North American Trust Company of New York, and that the deal is part of the plan of the trust company to consolidate the electric light and power companies of this city. The North American is the company which purchased the Imperial Electric Light, Heat and Power Company.

August tichner, first vice president of the Citizens' company, said that he was not prepared to state that the deal hap been consummated, but that negotiations for the nurchase have been under way some time, and may be completed soon.

The erection of the new plant on the Levee and Biblie street is in progress, but Mr. Gehner said this does not indicate that the negitiations have fallen through as the trust company would have to baild the plant of it obtained control of the franchise Power Company has been purchased by the

trust company would have to build the phast if it obtained control of the franchise and property of the electric light company. INDICATIONS GOOD FOR PEACE.

Chile and Argentine May Settle Differences by Diplomacy.

Ing in age from 4 to 13 years, were huddled together in a small room. They were shivering from the cold, as the last of their store of coal had been consumed Sunday, and there was no fire in the grate.

Cabbiac said that, except for a few crusts of bread, they had not tasted food for two days. Yesterday morning the baby, Johnnie, began to cry from the hunger, and having no other articles to dispose of, he sold his shoes.

Captain Boyd was informed of the sard plight of the family, and at once supplied them with fuel and food. Cabbiac is a laborer, but has been without employment for three months.

Senator Sewali's Condition.

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